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MODESTO MAN INDICTED FOR FIREARMS AND DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSES

Fresno—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment yesterday, charging LUIS GOODEN, 29, of Modesto, with carrying a firearm during a drug-trafficking offense, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Ceres Police Department, the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office Investigation Division, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The indictment alleges that on April 6, 2007, the defendant was carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking offense—possession with intent to distribute cocaine—and that he carried the firearm after having been convicted of a crime punishable by more than a year imprisonment.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly A. Sanchez, who is prosecuting this case, the maximum statutory penalty for these offenses is a mandatory minimum of five years plus thirty years imprisonment, and \$1,500,000 in fines. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court. The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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